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Ignacio High School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll – 2011-2012

Seniors

- 5.0 Abeth Okall
- 4.0 Carly Barborinas, Brittney Benavidez, Kelsey Frost, Mackenzie Macklin, Dusty Mangus, Shane Richmond
- 3.5 Teagan Overturf, Alex Pena
- 3.3 Kashina Perry, Rebecca Phillips
- 3.1 Layla Hessler
- 3.0 Christian Rockwell, Troy Shepherd, Natelle Thompson, Shawnara Troup, Lacey Wade

Juniors

- 4.0 Salome Niggli, Breana Talamante-Benavidez, Nicole Williams
- 3.8 Kayla Knipp, Tristany Valencia
- 3.7 Mary Kate Owens, Austin Haire, David Storey, Mariah Vigil
- 3.6 Samantha Brown, Taylor Smith, Isiah Tucson, Courtney Valdez, Cecilia Yocum
- 3.5 Barbie Lujan, Christopher McDonald, Christopher Russell, Alexandria Troup
- 3.3 Jordan Cuthair, Kiersten Raby, Michelle Simmons
- 3.2 LaDonna Garcia
- 3.0 Tracy Bean, Pamela Cotton, DaShon Lloyd

Sophomores

- 4.0 Christian Knoll, Shannon Mestas, Kelton Richmond, Jayce Stricherz, Rebecca Ward
- 3.8 Justin Carver
- 3.7 David Baca, Clayton Jefferson
- 3.6 Malli Benavidez, Raelynn Torres
- 3.5 Jeannie Grossardt, Thomas McPherson, Cloe Seibel
- 3.3 Jacob Candelaria, Adam Herrea
- 3.2 Jalen Estes, Fabian Martinez
- 3.0 Cheyenne Cook, Akasia Oberly, Dylan Pearson, Buddy Perry



Freshmen

- 4.0 Tyler Riepel
- 3.6 Alicia Naranjo
- 3.5 David Cooper, Ziyu Wang
- 3.3 July Stricherz
- 3.1 Tanisha Coyote, Andreanna Phillips
- 3.0 Dynesha Drake, Adison Jones

Ignacio High School Students of the 3rd Quarter
Senior: Layla Hessler
Junior: Jordan Cuthair and Austin Haire
Sophomore: DeJa Herrera and Sam Corrado
Freshmen: Andreanna Phillips and David Cooper
Teacher of the Quarter: Mr. Jim Croal

Southern Ute Education Department Southern Ute tribal students of the month

Introducing a special recognition program for the young and talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools! The Southern Ute Education staff is looking for you! We know you are there, and we want to recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview. It could be you! Way to go!



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Lexy Young

2nd grade, Ignacio Elementary
Parents: Susan Williams and William Young Jr.
Subject strengths in school: Spelling, reading, writing and math.
Hobbies and pastimes: Jump rope, volleyball and swinging with friends.
When I grow up ... “I want to be an artist. SO my paintings will hang in museums.”
Teacher comment: Mrs. Christensen says, “She is an excellent student who always does her best.”



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Daniel Weaver

6th grade, Ignacio Intermediate School
Parents: Daniel Weaver Sr./Anna Marie Scoot and the late Walter M. Scott.
Subject strengths in school: Language arts and math.
Hobbies and pastimes: I collect action figures and play games.
When I grow up ... “I want to be a singer or a professional wrestler.”

Dorothy Gore Scholarship available

The Dorothy Gore Scholarship sponsored by PEO Chapter CS is available to any La Plata County graduating senior girl who has shown academic promise, leadership potential, serves her community and has at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average. This \$1000 scholarship honors Dorothy Gore, a retired, longtime Durango teacher. Although priority is given to applicants to Cotter College, all applicants to an academic college are considered. Cotter College is a two-year women's college in Nevada, Missouri, owned by the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Applications are available at high school counseling offices or by requesting a copy from PEO Chapter CS Philanthropic Committee at jeaninegae@gmail.com. The application deadline is April 16.

Showing the kids how it's done



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A group of local students performs traditional Native American drum songs to a young audience in the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start gym on Monday, March 26.

Elbert J. Floyd Award nominations are now being accepted

Media release

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

- A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Deserving
- A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
- Interested in continuing his or her education

- Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
- Approved by the Department of Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person.

Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Nomination must be submitted

in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 11, 2012 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793.

The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

Education update

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: May 4 and June 1. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953. Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will be thrown out and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date.

Education Dept. community class for April

- Dress and ribbon shirt workshop: Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m**

Participants will learn to measure, cut out and sew a simple ribbon dress, or a ribbon shirt. Participants will receive the material and the ribbons to complete your project. Participants must know how to operate a sewing machine and have basic sewing skills. For more information, and to sign up, call Luana Herrera at the Department of Education 970-563-0237.

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standards. At that time, the team found two issues: first, one Upper Elementary classroom was without a credentialed teacher; and second, the Primary program separated five- and six-year olds from three- and four-year-olds, falling short of a requirement that each classroom “has the appropriate three-year grouping of students.”

Following the 2009 visit, AMS's School Accreditation Commission voted to defer the academy's accreditation for two years. In the meantime, Olguin and her crew got busy training and certifying faculty and reorganizing the Primary program.

When AMS Manager of School Accreditation Sara Wilson arrived for another visit on Feb. 17, the school was ready.

“It is abundantly clear from my observations in every classroom at all levels of [the] Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy ... and my conversations with the director, the lead guide who oversees all of the SUIMA teachers, the teachers themselves, and representatives of the Tribal Council and the Parent Advisory Group, that SUIMA is committed to the integrity of the Montessori philosophy and methodology,” Wilson wrote in

her report.

Now that the school is accredited, Olguin said she has another goal in her sights: “We have to just consistently improve in what we are doing.”

The school will be required to submit yearly reports to AMS, and every seven years it must undergo a rigorous reaccreditation process. That doesn't mean that the staff won't take a moment to celebrate today's victory, though.

“It means to me that we've met a standard of excellence that a national Montessori group recognizes,” Olguin said.